

Table 57.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2002

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings <sup>a</sup>	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other <sup>a,b</sup>
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
All ages <sup>c</sup>								
1992	951,118	100.0	36.6	1.5	1.3	7.5	18.6	34.4
1993	968,374	100.0	36.5	1.5	1.6	5.5	17.4	37.6
1994	848,121	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	745,160	100.0	35.8	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.2
1996	733,072	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.4	37.1
1997	666,219	100.0	37.6	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.3
1998	717,984	100.0	38.3	1.9	4.8	4.2	20.1	30.7
1999	726,721	100.0	36.8	2.0	5.3	4.0	20.9	31.0
2000	753,189	100.0	35.5	2.0	6.1	4.2	21.7	30.5
2001	763,241	100.0	35.7	1.8	7.2	4.3	22.5	28.4
2002	686,700	100.0	38.8	2.0	9.4	4.3	24.4	21.0
Under age 18								
1992	211,793	100.0	48.3	6.9	5.9	...	...	38.9
1993	241,085	100.0	44.9	5.9	6.4	...	...	42.7
1994	202,352	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,875	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,157	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,242	100.0	55.8	9.2	22.2	...	...	12.8
1998	144,955	100.0	55.6	9.6	23.6	...	...	11.1
1999	150,536	100.0	53.2	9.8	25.8	...	...	11.2
2000	159,437	100.0	50.3	9.2	29.0	...	...	11.4
2001	171,686	100.0	47.8	8.2	32.2	...	...	11.8
2002	177,151	100.0	45.9	7.8	36.6	...	...	9.7

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## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 57.**

**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2002—*Continued***

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings <sup>a</sup>	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other <sup>a,b</sup>
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
<i><b>Aged 18–64</b></i>								
1992	738,836	100.0	33.3	...	...	9.7	23.9	33.2
1993	726,766	100.0	33.7	...	...	7.3	23.1	35.9
1994	644,781	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	573,202	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.1	37.2
1996	541,343	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.1
1997	513,159	100.0	34.5	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.8
1998	536,434	100.0	35.6	...	...	5.5	23.9	34.9
1999	540,676	100.0	34.1	...	...	5.3	25.2	35.4
2000	561,430	100.0	33.0	...	...	5.6	26.7	34.6
2001	561,070	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.8	28.6	31.8
2002	476,062	100.0	38.7	...	...	6.1	33.0	22.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2003. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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